

SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION

November 15, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Salina Arts and Humanities Commission was held at the Smoky Hill Museum Community Room at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. In attendance were Marilyn Benyshek, Shirley Braxton, Shawn Crawford, Peggy DeBey, Brett Halderman, Luci Larson, Rachel Loersch, Gayle McMillen, Linda Moore, Cheri Parr, Linda Smith, and Ted Zerger. Staff Present: Sharon Benson, Kathy Burlew, Carrie Carpenter, Brigid Hall, John Highkin, Glenda Johnson, and Karla Prickett. Also in attendance: April Middleton; Salina Journal. Absent: Randall Hardy and John K. Vanier II.

Smith called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes

Corrections: (1) Under Other should have read "McMillen acknowledged his wife, Jane McMillen, will have homemade purses displayed at YARNS." (2) Adjournment should have read "Benyshek motioned to adjourn the meeting and Hardy seconded. Motion passed."

Zerger motioned to approve the October 18, 2006 with the two corrections and Parr seconded. Motion passed.

Staff Report

Benson distributed a brochure on the workshop "Creativity Coaching" March 18-21, 2007. The workshop will be sponsored by SAHC and the Salina Public Library.

Museum Update - Holidays in the Heartland is a Three Stop Holiday Hop that the museum participates in with Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure and the Art Center. Loersch asked Hawksworth what date Jim "Two Crows" Wallen will be the Museum for his storytelling? Hawksworth - December 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Rolling Hills will be open from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the Art Center from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Committee Update

Loersch gave a summary of the Planning Community Awareness meeting that was held Monday, November 13th. Members Present: Loersch, McMillen, Smith, Highkin and Burlew. Absent: Larson. The Committee brainstormed community names/liaisons that would be involved with the planning process beginning in January. Four proposals were received, Craig Dreeszen, Dreeszen & Associates; David Plettner, The Cultural+Planning Group and Jessica Cusick, Cusick Consulting; Ramona Baker, Ramona A Baker; Diana Mataraza, Diane L. Mataraza, Inc. On Monday, November 20th the committee will meet and determine the top two candidates. Interviews will take place on December 12th and recommendation will be given to City Officials for the City Commission on December 18th. Highkin - all proposals have strong backgrounds in community cultural and strategic planning and all have had contact with Salina and/or surrounding areas. Highkin will email criteria for the committee and staff to use while reading the proposals.

Horizons Committee

Moore gave a summary of the Horizons meeting that was held Tuesday, November 14th. Members Present: Moore, Crawford, Braxton, Highkin and Benson. The committee will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month starting in January.

Policy issues were identified

- Open meeting issue (open or not)
- Guidelines/Application Changes – some adjustments were made last year
- Allocation of funds – discussed process of funding and how the formula works or doesn't work.
- Advancement – dollars are limited, organizational applicants increasing
- Projects – traditionally start to finish
 - Difference between seasoned arts institutions and social service agencies
- Funding levels – now is all one level: \$500 per year – possibility of lower or higher levels

Other items discussed were public relations, appropriate activities (outside of current programming), recruitment of new members, and budget.

Museum Update

Welcome back Susan Hawksworth!

Hawksworth, Highkin and each committee have completed the phone interviews for both positions (Curator of Exhibits and Education Coordinator). Hawksworth is in the process of scheduling the onsite interviews.

Today is the last day for Poinsettia sales unless you attend the Switchback concert tomorrow night. Concert will be a benefit concert for Friends of the Museum at Caper's Café & Bakery. Tickets are available at the door. You can view their music on www.waygoodmusic.com.

Museum secretary, Pauline Fallis, visited Susan today. It is possible that she will return to work on a part-time basis after Thanksgiving.

Other

Smith thanked everyone for attending the Horizons grant review meeting last week. She felt it was a well prepared grant round. Smith announced there will not be a commission meeting in December but there will be an executive meeting on December 13th.

Reminder: Deadline for Horizons organizational project/advancement grant applications are due December 1.

Smith moved the Commission recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss with the City Attorney a matter subject to the attorney-client privilege for the reasons that public discussion of the matter would waive that privilege and adversely affect the Commissioner's interests in the matter and reconvene in this room at 5:10 p.m. Loersch seconded – motion passed. It was motioned and seconded to continue with the executive session.

The Salina Arts and Humanities Commission meeting reconvened from executive session at 5:50 p.m. Benyshek motioned to concur with application of both acts (KOMA and KORA) – continue current practice regarding meetings and disclose records in accordance with KORA and Larson seconded. Motion passed.

Benyshek motioned to close the SAHC meeting and Moore seconded. Motion passed.

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